



International Mounted Games Association Strategic Planning Sub-Committee

Work Order Document

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Deadline:	30/09/2015 (final) 30/08/2015 (for executive officers)
Reference:	STP-201415-001
Name:	Membership Criteria Review

Requirements:

Currently the IMGA membership criteria (as adopted at the 2011 IMGA AGM) are as follows:

INITIAL MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- Must be able to offer equal membership to all riders within the guidelines of the IMGA constitution
- An initial executive consisting of a minimum of three members residing in the country applying for membership
- Must provide a letter requesting membership to executive committee of IMGA
- Must have a clear and concise understanding of the dynamics of IMGA. Its structure, governing rules and regulations, constitution and the rules governing the sport of mounted games
- Must appoint a country representative to be represented at IMGA

LONG TERM CRITERIA (TWO YEARS)

- Must be covered by a democratic constitution similar to organisations within the Equestrian federation or sports organisations in their country
- Must have active riders
- Must develop a plan to develop the sport of mounted games within their country
- Must take steps to become a sanctioned member of that countries Equestrian Association
- Must be able to attend either an SAGM or an AGM before the end of the initial two year period
- Must take steps in team development to be able to send teams to International competitions by the end of the two year period

The criteria as stated above formed the basis of the membership checking process which was conducted at the end of 2013 and early in 2014.

As explained at the 2014 IMGA AGM, during the course of that checking process it was discovered that the following criterion:

- *Must be covered by a democratic constitution similar to organisations within the Equestrian federation or sports organisations in their country*

... proved to be particularly difficult to check given that the individuals who are in charge of Mounted Games in countries where the sport is fully incorporated into the national

equestrian federation (e.g. France, Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy) are in fact appointed by that national federation and not “democratically” elected.

With this point in particular in mind a slight rewording of these membership criteria should be perhaps be considered. More generally a review of the criteria may also be in order now that this particular wording has been in circulation for a while.

A revised wording should be constructed and submitted to the IMGA executive officers for consideration before being added to the agenda for the 2015 IMGA AGM for approval.

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